VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012

Capital Plaza Hotel, 100 State Street, Montpelier (802) 223-5252  www.capitolplaza.com

8:00  Registration, Trade Show, Refreshments

9:30  President’s Remarks and Impact of Irene on the Intervale
Andy Jones, Intervale Community Farm, Burlington

9:45  A Look Back at the 2011 Growing Season: Floods, Pests, Profits!?
Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension

10:15 New Strawberry Varieties and Management Techniques for Pests and Production
Nate Nourse, Nourse Farms, Whately MA

10:45 Making Crop Insurance Work for Vermont’s Vegetable and Berry Farms
Pam Smith, UVM Extension/Risk Management

11:15 A Visit to Dutchess Farm
Stephen Chamberlin, Castleton

11:45 Update from Industry Representatives on New Products and Services
Trade Show Exhibitors

12:00 Luncheon and Trade Show

1:15 Business Meeting: Election of Officers, etc.

1:30 Updates from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
Chuck Ross, Vermont Secretary of Agriculture

1:45 Spill Prevention and Containment Regulations for Vermont Farms
Annie MacMillan, Vermont Agency of Agriculture

2:00 Solar Panels Inside a Greenhouse for Transplant Production
Jeremy Gildrien, Gildrien Farm, Middlebury

2:30 Insect Pests and Diseases of Vegetable and Fruit Crops to Look Out For
Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Plant Diagnostic Clinic

3:00 Marketing at Jericho Settlers Farm
Mark Fasching and Christa Alexander, Jericho

3:30 Adjourn - Trade Show
PRE-REGISTRATIONS - Must be received by Jan 26th (Add $5 for at-the-door registrations.) $35 Members, $45 Non-Members, this fee includes delicious hot lunch and coffee break.

Membership dues for 2012 are $50; benefits include:

- 2012-13 New England Vegetable or Small Fruit Management Guide or, one book or video of equal value $20 (see list on VV&BGA web site);
- a subscription to Agriview, the VT Agency of Agriculture newsletter
- a subscription to the Vermont Vegetable and Berry News (by email)
- a subscription to American Vegetable Grower and American Fruit Grower
- eligibility for a research grant from the Association
- $10 registration discount at the association’s annual meeting
- registration fee waiver at on-farm workshops
- inclusion on the association’s grower listserv (buy, sell equipment & share info).

No-frills membership option: $20 for 2012, benefits include:

- inclusion on the association’s listserv
- A subscription to the Vermont Vegetable and Berry News (by email)
- showing your support for the vegetable and berry industry

Mail check made out to VVBGA to: Doug Johnstone, P.O, Box 701, Springfield, VT 05156. Please include note stating your membership selection and who is being registered for the meeting.

Questions? Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension, 802-257-7967 ext. 303, vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu.

If you require accommodations to participate in this program, please let our office know 10 days prior to the event so we may assist you.

Attendance at this meeting will be worth 2 pesticide recertification credits for private applicators and commercial applicators certified in categories 1a and 10.

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